WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. With a view to ensure timely sanction of pensions, instructions were issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Departments/Offices accountable for strict compliance of the Government Orders for ensuring authorisation of pension and gratuity—provisional or final—by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employees who did not receive their Pension Payment Order by the date of retirement were advised to bring such cases to the notice of this Ministry. The system is operating satisfactorily.

Creation of New All India Services

1304. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to create new All India Services;

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration are they and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does arise.

Functions of Staff Selection Commission

1305. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) when the Staff Selection Commission was constituted and what are the functions of the Commission;

(b) whether before the constitution of Staff Selection Commission, all competitive examinations were being conducted by U.P.S.C.;

(c) whether unsolved last years question papers of all U.P.S.C. examinations were being sold through officially set up 'Kitab Mahal';

(d) whether this facility was very useful to candidates for their preparations;

(e) whether this facility is now not available to candidates either appearing for Staff Selection Commission or U.P.S.C. Examinations;

(f) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard in the interests of candidates; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Staff Selection Commission was constituted vide Government Resolution dated 4th November, 1975 and it started functioning from 1st July 1976. Its functions are to make recruitment to Group 'B' non-gazetted posts of Assistants and Stenographers Grade 'C' and all non-technical Group 'C' posts in the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and in their attached and subordinate offices, except those posts for which recruitment is made by the Railway Service Commissions/ Railway Recruitment Boards and Industrial Establishments.

(b) No, Sir. Even before the constitution of Staff Selection Commission, Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in the Government were not within the purview of Union Public Service Commission and selection for them were made directly by respective organisations.

(c) to (g) The Union Public Service Commission are printing pamphlets containing examination rules and only con-